

507-711

West Goths settled in Spain
Theodoric the Great was a
West Goth.

507

Clavis in alliance with Burgundy
attacked Visigoths in Aquitaine
Alaric II was killed

Clovis I (r 481-511) decisively defeated the Visigoths, near Poitiers and extended his frontiers to the Pyrenees. (Alaric II, king of the Visigoths died in 507)

He was prevented from acquiring PROVENCE and SEPTIMANIA in the south of France by the intervention of Theodoric the OSTROGOTH (Theodoric

th Great, (454-526), who took Provence
for himself.

Clavis in conjunction with
Gundobad (of Burgundy) opened
his attack against the King of Italy.
Clavis marched on Agulha, and
Gundobad in Provence.

507-511

Aloric's son Gesalac tried to
be King.

Upon his death, the King of the
Visigoths, Theodoric the Great
also became King of the
Visigoths
till 30 Aug 526

507 (late summer)

Clavis kept his Burgundian allies and penetrated into Visigothic territory. Alaric II's restraint, which met with Rosema's approval, was not rewarded. Theodoric the Great's threat to intervene on behalf of his son-in-law (Alaric) did not scare Clavis. Since Byzantine warships were cruising along the Italian coast and dropping off land forces, the OSTROGOTHS were not able to intervene in Gaul in time. Alaric II

was aware of his difficult position, but the magistrates forced him to offer resistance in a pitched battle.

AT ROVILLE near POITIERS, the two armies led by their kings met in ~~but~~ late summer of 507. The Goths, who were perhaps numerically inferior, were not able to charge over the enemy; the Frankish infantry was too numerous & too stubborn to be confused by a lightning-quick "nomadic style" cavalry attack with frequent rebreaks and other maneuvers. Alaric II was killed, supposedly by Clovis himself. The death of the king and the destruction of the army ended the Visigoth kingdom.

Visigoths were defeated
by the Franks at Vouille

Battle of VOUILLE

Frankish Army of King Clavis I
(c 466-511) defeated Visigothic
Army of Alaric II (died 507)
(who was slain).

Visigoths abandoned Gaul
and retreated across the
Pyrenees.

It is widely believed that the defeat at VOILLE marked the end of the kingdom of TOULOUSE. Even contemporaries noted the fatal consequences of the battle. Like a house of cards EURIC's grand structure collapsed, then in 507 his incompetent successor ALARIC gambled away the kingdom and his life. Thanks to Theodoric the Great, at least the Mediterranean Coast remained

Gothic, the greater part of the Visigothic royal treasury was seized, and the formation of a new kingdom became possible.

Almost a quarter of a century passed before the Franks were able to consolidate their victory of 507 A.D.

The peace between Alaric II and Clovis lasted for a few years, then in 507 Theodoric the Great not only had to intervene for some of the defeated Alamanni but also had to admonish Clovis to keep peace and warn Alaric II against provoking the Franks.

The western HUARDI, the Varini and the THURINGIANS were also remnants of the

dept they overred Ernic, and were asked to exert pressure on the Salian Franks, along the lower Rhine. Finally, THEODORIC the Great advised the Burgundians to abandon their suicidal alliance with Clovis.

All these efforts were to no avail

Clvis I decisively defeated
the Visigoths under Alaric II
at Vouillé near Poitiers

Vasigoths
Vasigoths were defeated by
the Franks at VOUILLE (or VOULOV)
near POITIERS.

But they are victorious over the
Franks at ARIES and retain
control of Septimania (coast between
the Rhone and Pyrenees)

Ostrogoths

A part of southern Gaul was added to the Kingdom by Theodoric the Great who also governed (507-526) the Spanish possessions and Gallic lands of the West Goths (Visigoths)

AQUITANIA (Territory between the Pyrenees and the Garonne; home of IBERIAN tribe) was conquered by Clovis, King of the Franks.

507

The New Visigoths: Regnum Tolosanum

Battle of Vouillé; death of ALARIC II

Alaric II and the Visigoths
were defeated at ROVILLE by
the Franks under Clovis, to
whom he lost nearly all
his possessions North of
the Pyrenees. Toledo became
the new Visigothic capital

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507

^{Persia}
Peace between Persia & Eastern
Empire was impelled by an
EPHTHALITE invasion.

Anastasius emperor of East
erected the fortress of DARAS
12 miles from NISI BIS.

507(526) - 711

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(Vasqueza-West Gotorci)

West Gotorci Kingdom in Spain

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Franks

CHLODWIG overcome the
West Goths at VOILLE (or VOLON)
near Poitiers but was defeated
by them at ARLES.

Death of CHLODWIG

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Vasigoths
Theodoric the Great governed the
Spanish possessions and those in
southern Gaul, for his grandson
AMALRIC

Clavis defeated the Visigoths
at ROVILLE (near Poitiers)
and forced them to withdraw
to Spain and Septemania